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" " " 3 " ... 2½ "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 19th October, 1896. [31

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
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HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
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Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893. [7

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL $10,000,000
RESERVE FUND .... $ 6,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ... $10,000,000

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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1896. [3

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.
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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [9

Amusement.

THEATRE ROYAL,
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THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB
WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES OF
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E. W. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [214

Insurances.

THE STANDARD
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FUNDS exceed EIGHT MILLIONS STERLING
ANNUAL REVENUE OVER ONE MILLION STERLING.
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DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896. [27

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TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY £2,480,053
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HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1897. [74

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [28

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } EQUAL TO .... } $833,333.33.
RESERVE FUND .... $318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
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MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1885. [29

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED $1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 26th May, 1894. [30

Intimations.

THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the INTEREST of DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LIMITED, in the Business heretofore carried on by them at THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY CEASED and DETERMINED on the 14th instant.
Outstanding Accounts of DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LIMITED before the 14th instant will be PAID by the Undersigned who will also Collect and Receive all Accounts DUE to the said Firm.
The BUSINESS will be carried on in the future under the Style of "THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY."

For "THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY,"
J. R. CAPELL,
Manager.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [219

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Refer to
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Hongkong, 9th February, 1897. [271

WANTED.

STUD GROOM to take charge of HORSES, Liberal Wages to Good Man.
Letters only,

BERT WILLISON,
Hongkong Hotel.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1897. [249

KUHN & KOMOR,
JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS,
21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG,
35, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA
and
36, DIVISION STREET, KOBE.
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Intimation.

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For further Particulars apply to
THE MANAGER,
MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.
Hongkong, 27th July, 1896. [44

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON, &c.	*Mirzapore*	J. F. Jephson	Noon, 11th Feb.	See Special Advertisement.
JAPAN	*Ancona*	W. D. Mudie	Noon, 12th Feb.	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
LONDON	*Canton*	A. G. Cubitt, R.N.R.	About 6th March.	Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1897. [5

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GOLDEN MEDAL
PETROLEUM ENGINES
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FOR FACTORIES AND LAUNCHES.

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A Working Stationary Engine and a Launch with a 4 H.P. Engine will be shown and full particulars be given on application.

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15, *Queen's Road*,
Hongkong, 9th February, 1897. 14

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HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE MANUFACTURERS OF
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This Composition has been Supplied to all the Navies of the World and all the principal Steamship Companies.
INNUMERABLE TESTIMONIALS.
FRESH WATER SUPPLIED.
CALL FLAG "R."
Hongkong, 11th November, 1896. [9

Intimations.

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS FOR:—

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W. JACKSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. [22

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UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,
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SOLE AGENTS:—
GANDE PRICE & CO.,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [16

THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY.

THIS WELL-KNOWN ESTABLISHMENT
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ON the 15th JANUARY for the transaction of business as heretofore under
ENTIRELY
NEW
MANAGEMENT.

In making this announcement the Undersigned respectfully INVITES INSPECTION of his Premises, and, while expressing gratitude for past favours, respectfully solicits the continuance of Patronage.

For THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY CO.,
per C. CAMPBELL.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1897. [116

W. POWELL & CO.

FOR
RACING COLOURS,
RACING COLOURS,
RACING COLOURS.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1897. [19

W. BREWER & CO.

SOME SPECIAL NEW BOOKS.

HAZELL'S ANNUAL, 1897.		WHITAKER'S ALMANACK, 1897.	
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Doctor Nikola, by Boothby	1.20	How to Train a Race Horse, by Warburton	2.00
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Life of Brian Houghton Hodgson, by Sir W. W. Hunter	5.00		
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Hongkong, 29th January, 1897. [18

FOR SALE.

PORT WINE.

THE CELEBRATED GUEDES "3 GRAPES" BRAND.
In cases of 1 doz. Bottles at $24 per case.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Sole Agents.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1896. [88

Intimation.

CHOICE AUSTRALIAN WINES
FROM THE CELEBRATED
COOLALTA VINEYARDS,
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THE COOLALTA WINES which we are introducing here for the first time give an unexceptional opportunity to Wine Connoisseurs to sample really HIGH CLASS AUSTRALIAN WINES of low alcoholic strength.

COOLALTA WINES cannot be surpassed for their absolute Purity, High and Even Quality, Bouquet, and rich delicate flavour; and, being the natural product of the grape, they are specially recommended by the Medical Faculty of New South Wales.

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W. O. CAMPBELL,
Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [245

To-day's Advertisements.

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WILLISON'S CIRCUS

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$50 CASH PRIZES $50
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SECOND FASHIONABLE EVENING.
First Appearance of
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The People's Popular Philosopher.
SATURDAY, February 13th.
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at 4 P.M. and 9 P.M.
NEXT WEEK.
The Great International
TUG-OF-WAR
$200 CASH PRIZES $200
BERT WILLISON.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [272

To-day's Advertisements.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street on TUESDAY, the 16th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [277

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship
"SUNGKIANG,"
Captain C. B. N. Dodd, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 12th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th February 1897. [275

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship
"ZAFIRO,"
Captain Cobban, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 13th instant, at 4 P.M.
This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [278

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship
"TAIYUAN,"
Captain R. Nelson, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 18th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [276

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR LONDON,
VIA STRAITS AND USUAL PORTS OF CALL.
(Taking Cargo at through rates for GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &c.)

THE Company's Steamship
"NINGCHOW,"
Geo. Castle, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 8th March.
For Freight, &c., apply to
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [274

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE American Bark
"COLOMA,"
Noyes, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [279

To-day's Advertisements.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the COMPANY, 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd instant, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Governing Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 24th inst., both days inclusive.

By Order,
HART BUCK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [273

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.
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Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [427

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Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than Three o'Clock so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

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We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1896. 6

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1897.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE LATTEST "FORT" CASE.

We are sorry to have to report that a Russian officer has been found trespassing on forbidden ground and has had to be arrested and brought up before the Police Magistrate and heavily fined under the Ordinance providing for the safety of our fortifications. We do not wish to use any strong language on the subject. There is hardly any room for complaint or remonstrance. All is fair in love and war, and equally so all is fair in preparation for war. All the Great Powers have Intelligence Departments and none of them are very particular as to how the information which they collect and summarise is obtained. If Russian officers and marines can get on to military ground and into our works without being caught so much the better for them and the worse for us. But, then, when they are caught they must not complain if the punishment is severe. It would be very much more severe and very different in kind if a British naval officer should be caught among the fortifications of, let us say, Vladivostock. There is one thing, however, to be said, and it is that in the absence of sentries and guard-houses in the neighbourhood of our forts we seem to invite inspection. Every access to a fort in France or Germany or Russia would bristle with the bayonets of sentries and be blocked by a guard and a guard-house.

AN OFFENSIVE NUISANCE.

It was a very excellent idea to erect a shelter near the Godown Company's wharf at Kowloon for the protection of the ricksha coolies plying in the neighbourhood against the rays of the broiling sun and the unpleasant effects rain, but it is not enough to put up such a place. It wants looking after. The Police should see that it is not used for purposes for which it was never intended and for which it is not fitted, and the Sanitary Board should by its officers see from time to time that it is kept clean. Neither party seems to have done its duty in the premises. The coolies use the place for all their requirements. A mass of filth has been allowed to accumulate in it, and it is getting to be most offensive nuisance and a positive danger to health.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGE.

GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE AND EGYPT.

LONDON, February 8th.

M. Hanotaux speaking to the Chamber in reference to Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's speech said that the policy of France was best defined by the Franco-Russian protest; that it was undesirable to enter upon a parliamentary polemic, as it was important at the present delicate juncture that nothing should imperil the concert of the Powers, which France was doing her utmost to maintain. Nevertheless France would never suffer the violation of a right founded on international treaties and pledges.

(From *L'Advenir du Tonkin.*)

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

PARIS, Jan. 31st.

Yesterday there were 97 cases of plague at Bombay and 51 at Kurrachee. A number of cases have occurred at Goa and Daman.

PARIS, February 1st.

Two Europeans have died of plague in Bombay.

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

This afternoon we received from Mr. T. Jackson, Hon. Treasurer of the Fund, a fresh list of subscribers showing that the subscriptions now amount to $28,734, several sums varying from $500 to $10 having been contributed since the last list was made up on the 8th instant, when the total amount was $22,045. We shall publish the list in our Mail Supplement to-morrow morning.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE cruiser *Irene* arrived to-day from Amoy.

A LONDON gas company is about to petition Parliament to change the qualifications for the directorship in order to enable a working man to become a member of the board of directors.

MESSRS. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts in their weekly share report issued this afternoon state that the market has shown considerable life since the China New Year and most stocks have experienced an advance in rates.

AN express was issued this morning notifying that seats can now be secured for the performance by the A.D.C. of "Les Cloches De Corneville" at the Booking Office, Theatre Royal. Books of the words are for sale at 20 cents per copy.

THE Band of the West York Regiment will play the following programme at the Regimental Sports to-morrow afternoon:—

1.—March ..... Hypatia ..... Ingham
2.—Overture ..... Der Kreigslieutenant ..... Tid
3.—Piccolo Duet ..... Nightingale and Blackbird ..... Kling
4.—Selection ..... Boccaco ..... Suppe
5.—Polka ..... Now and Then ..... Boote
6.—Fantasia ..... Souvenir de Espana ..... W. G. Bentley
7.—Valse ..... Estudiantina ..... Waldteufel
8.—Reminiscences of England ..... F. Godfrey

THE Dutch authorities the other day (says a late issue of the *Penang Gazette*) declined to allow a number of cattle, shipped by a Singapore merchant, to be landed at Batavia, and the animals were flung into the sea. The matter has been reported to the British Consul.

IN connection with the quarantining of the C. P. R. steamer *Empress of India*, the agents inform us that a couple of cases of small-pox were discovered on board and on medical examination were pronounced to be very mild attacks. The ship is now being fumigated and is to be released to-morrow morning.

THE following is the official result of the 64-pr. competition held at Stonecutter's Island on 2nd instant by the Field Battery, Hongkong Volunteer Corps:—

No. of Merit.	No. of Detachment and name of Gun Captain.	Points. Sh.	T.D.	&D.	Total Points.
1	No. 1, Serge. G. C. Hayward	170	115		285
2	No. 2, Sergt. R. F. Lammert	140	115		255
3	No. 6, Serge. H. McIlhall	130	170		300
4	No. 5, Sergt. J. Lowrie	110	90	—5	*195
5	No. 3, Sergt. J. Armstrong	110	95		165
6	No. 4 Sergt. J. Brenner	100	60	—15	*75

* Time.

WE understand that a sharp discussion between certain members of our local Yacht Club as to the sea-going and weatherly qualities of two of the boats has ended in some heavy betting between the partizans of the rival craft and that they are only waiting for a really bad day to have a trial. May we suggest that before that day comes shrouds and halliards and stays should be thoroughly looked to and overhauled and that during the race all the running gear should be kept clear and a hand be permanently stationed at the main halliards? If not we may have to lament some serious accident.

A MEETING of the Sanitary Board will be held to-morrow at 4.15 p.m. There are no orders of the day. The *agenda* include:—(1.) A return showing the progress of bubonic plague at Bombay; (2.) A letter from the Colonial Secretary concerning the imposition of quarantine at Calcutta; (3) Report by the Medical Officer of Health regarding cases of small-pox which have occurred amongst the circus troops; (4) An application to be placed on list of contractors who are capable of carrying out drainage works; (5.) Mortality returns for the weeks ended the 30th January and 6th February, 1897, respectively.

THE attendance at the Circus last night fell far short of the merits of the performance, an excellent bill being provided. Mr. Dixon, Miss Freda Willison and Miss Wallet gave some fine displays of equestrianism and Little Adele with her pretty club exercises evoked loud applause. The Japanese jugglers' feats were particularly clever and Miss Freda's slack wire performance is also worthy of special mention. Signor Romano and Mr. Martyne again exhibited their well-trained horses and ponies and Mons. Vivet, the "Human Serpent," fairly astonished the spectators with his wonderful feats of contortion. Jolly Jes and Peanuts, the clowns, supplied plenty of fun and the performance was a success throughout. To-night another attractive bill will be presented and a boxing contest between two well skilled men will also take place, for a purse of $50 given by Mr. Willison.

IT is reported that Sheng has presented to the Throne a scheme that has not yet been given publicity to in the foreign press in China, regarding placing the army organisation on a universal footing. Sheng proposes that out of the standing forces of the Empire, amounting to about a million men, which cost over thirty million dollars a year for their maintenance, an army of three hundred thousand strong be organised, at the same expense, on foreign principles, thus paying the soldiers well. The proposed system of organisation is that after three years' training, which will be conducted by foreign officers, the first lot of three hundred thousand soldiers will be turned into farmers, and be replaced by new recruits for the next term of training; thus after the term of three years the pay for one soldier will enable two men to be retained, and with this system going on for years the Empire will ultimately have an efficient army of respectable number, which, being ready taught in modern warfare, can be called to active service at a moment's notice.

THERE has, says the *Economist* of 2nd January, been more of the usual pressure for money at the end of the year, and this is reflected in the increase of nearly five millions in the deposits and other securities shown in this week's Bank return. In all, the market has borrowed about ten millions from the Bank during the past two or three weeks to tide it over the turn of the year, and this forestalling of the dividend distribution should help to sustain rates, especially as the revenue collection will now begin to make its influence felt. For the moment, however, there has been a sharp reaction, the quotation for the best three months' bills having dropped to 3 per cent., while the discount houses have reduced their allowances for deposits to 2½ per cent. for money at call, and 2¾ per cent. for money at notice. Unless, however, gold begins to come here from the United States, it is not unlikely that we shall soon see rates creeping up again. But whatever the future may have in store, bank shareholders may congratulate themselves on the fact that the past half-year must have yielded larger profits than the latter half of 1895. The average market rate for best three months' bills, which for the December half of 1895 was only ⅝ per cent., was for the past six months over 2 per cent. Consequently, on the amount held by the banks on current account much more must have been earned. And the deposits also have been more profitable, for the margin between the allowance on deposits and the average market rate for best three months' bills works out at 12s. per cent., for the half-year, as compared with only 5s. per cent. in the second half of 1895.

INFORMATION having been received at Singapore that a contagious or infectious disease, namely, bubonic plague, exists at Kurrachee, it is notified by the Government of the Straits Settlements that the port of Kurrachee is infected. All vessels arriving from that port at Penang without touching at Colombo, or arriving at Singapore without touching at Colombo or Penang, are now subject to medical examination by the Health Officer.

IN the *Jiji-Shimpo* we read that the affair of the German Minister has been at length amicably arranged. It is stated that the Police authorities, after careful investigation, forwarded a report to the Foreign Office, from which document it appeared that the complainant had actually received a blow in the face. The German Minister, on his side, affirmed that he had not had the slightest intention of striking the lad, that he accepted the presence of a mark as proof of the justice of the complaint, and was willing to make any reparation in his power. We should think that even the most exacting of the patriotic agitators who have been making a clamour about this affair should now be satisfied.—*Japan Mail.*

THE assistance of the Swedish and Norwegian Consular officials at Quebec has been invoked to trace the relatives and chronicle the act of a young Canadian seaman (supposed to be of French extraction), Charles Gebhardt by name, who formed part of the crew of the barque *Caledonia*, of Drammen, Norway, and who, at the foundering of that vessel in the Bay of Biscay on the 7th of October last, when, at the last moment, going to fetch a life-buoy for the preservation of his own life a little longer from a watery grave finding the carpenter of the vessel going with the same purpose in view exclaimed: "Do you also want it, carpenter? Well, take it, you have a family. Don't mind me." He could not swim and was drowned, while the carpenter, a married man residing in Drammen, Norway, was picked up by the boat of an English vessel near by and was saved. Relatives or connections of this Canadian hero reading this and knowing anything of Gebhardt's relatives should communicate their name and address to the Swedish and Norwegian Consul at Quebec or to the owner of the vessel, Mr. Jas. S. Lorentzen, Drammen, Norway. Gebhardt signed articles in Liverpool, England, in the latter part of the month of September last.

ON Change on January 2nd, says the Frisco *Commercial News*, carefully guarded by being placed behind the counter that surrounds the secretary and his staff at the Exchange, was exhibited a quaint old portrait. It represented a man with powdered hair, brass buttons, a ruff, in short the usual costume of a gentleman of the last century. In the distance a lighthouse and a ship at anchor.

"Who the painter was none may tell,
One whose best was not over well;
Hard and dry it must be confessed,
Flat as a note that has been pressed."

But as in the associations connected with Dorothy P. in Holmes' poem, so about this portrait hangs an interest no lover of this land of sunshine can shake off. It is the portrait of Captain Ebenezer Dorr, master of the American brig that in October, 1796, over one hundred years ago, entered the harbour of Monterey, flying at the peak the first American flag that ever floated in the balmy breezes of California. The Captain was born in 1763, and died at Roxbury, Mass., in 1847, at the ripe old age of 85. The portrait is the property of the California Historical Society and is simply loaned to the Exchange, but, says our Frisco contemporary, it is a pity it could not permanently hang "where merchants must do congregate," to remind them of what great commercial achievements Americans were once capable of. Time was when American vessels and American agents were found in every port of the world. Now the vessels have disappeared, and the agents are at Washington trying to get more money from a government ever more and more paternal!

A COMPLIMENTARY dinner was given at Thomas's Grill Rooms last night to His Excellency Wu Ting Fang (Ng Choy), the newly appointed Chinese Ambassador to America. About twenty of the leading Chinese residents were present, Dr. Ho Kai presiding. Among the company were the Hon. Wei Yuk, Messrs. Wong Sing, Wong Wing Sang, Ho Amei, and Lum Shing Kong. The dinner (European style) was served in an elaborate manner under the personal supervision of Mr. F. Bishop. A pleasing selection of music was supplied by the band of the West Yorks, under Bandmaster Bentley, the programme including "Yankee Doodle," which proved a very good substitute for the Chinese National Anthem that is to be. [Incidentally, it may be mentioned that Dame Rumour credits Bandmaster Bentley with the intention to invent a Chinese National Anthem and it is added that with this object in view he studies from 4 to 6 a.m. daily, with wet towel bound round his heated brow, all the works on Chinese music, sounds and so forth and so on, including Mr. Z. Volpicelli's *Chinese Phonology: An attempt to discover the sounds of the Ancient Languages and to Recover the Lost Rhymes of China!* If Mr. Bentley can master Mr. Volpicelli's work then he should be able to "hit off" a National Anthem for China that will "catch on" throughout the length and breadth of the Celestial Empire, result in the prompt accumulation of a vast fortune and a "call" to Peking to receive from the "Son of Heaven" the Order of the double-headed-five-tailed-and-three-horned Dragon of the first class. He would deserve all this and more and it is to be hoped he will, unlike most hapless mortals, get what he deserves.] A number of toasts, including, of course, "the health of the distinguished guest," were enthusiastically honoured and a very pleasant evening wound up with the general expression of every good wish for the success of His Excellency's mission to the Great West.

ANOTHER SENSATIONAL ARREST.

RUSSIAN NAVAL OFFICER CAUGHT IN A FORT.

At the Magistracy this morning, J. Anontchkin, the fourth engineer of the Russian cruiser *Rurik*, was charged with trespassing within the lines of fortifications at Hunghom yesterday. Mr. V. H. Deacon appeared for the defence.

Sahit Deen gave evidence as follows:—I am a Lance Corporal of the Hongkong Regiment. On the 9th instant at 12.30 p.m. I was sitting in the verandah outside the guard room, east of Kowloon Dock fort, and I saw the defendant at the top of a hill just in front of the sentry. The hill is on the side of the road. He did not come up to the hill past the notice board but he came by another road, because the sentry would have stopped him from coming up. I did not arrest him but went with other privates to the spot and arrested him. He was within the line of the sentry and was also in uniform.

Mr. Deacon:—The position that he was standing in, was it in such a way that he could see down the cliff at the dock?

Witness:—He could see from the place where he was arrested.

Mr. Deacon:—Did he have any photographic apparatus with him?

Witness:—No.

Mr. Deacon:—Any sketch books?

Witness:—He had none in his hand, but he may have had in his pocket.

At this stage Inspector Duncan produced a small note-book that had been found in defendant's pocket on being searched at the Central Station.

William Henry Edmund, a Corporal of the Royal Artillery, was then called and said:—On the 9th inst. I was the non-commissioned officer in charge in the Kowloon fort. About 12.30 my attention was drawn by the last witness to a Russian, supposed to be an officer, outside of the fort and close to the depression range and telephone operating cells. He was in the fieldworks and could overlook the fort. I then ordered the last witness to arrest him and on being brought to me I found that he could speak very little English and could not explain why he was there. I then took him to the Hunghom station. I don't know whether there is any notice board on the road from Kowloon. He was in full naval uniform.

Mr. Deacon:—Did you see any photographic apparatus?

Witness:—I saw nothing whatsoever.

Mr. Deacon then addressed the Court. He admitted that the defendant was within the fortifications. He stated that the *Rurik* went into dock on Monday, the 8th inst., about 1 p.m., and that the defendant had a good deal to do about the engines. On this particular day he finished his duty at 11 a.m. and at noon, after tiffin, having nothing to do was naturally inclined to stroll about the hill, to have a look at his ship, in dock thereby making a breach of Ordinance 10 of 1891, of which he was totally ignorant. He was perfectly well aware that ignorance of the law was no excuse but his client as an officer of the Russian navy had given his word that he was acting in ignorance. The authorities had had a lot of trouble about these matters before. Counsel urged strongly the point that his client had seen no notice board. There were no notes in the memo. book which all Russian officers carried. Neither were sketches or a camera found on him, and he only went up the hill through sheer inadvertence. He then stated how inconsistent it would be for a man to attempt to spy when he was dressed in full uniform, and that the prosecution had not proved that there were any notice boards on the road. He submitted that a small fine would in any event meet the case, and thus left the case in the hands of his Worship.

Captain Hastings said—We must be careful with our forts and not let any foreigners enter them. He also said he spoke as a naval officer. This man must have known he was doing wrong. The Russians, in particular, were very careful with their forts and if this case had occurred in Russia a very severe punishment would have been inflicted.

After a little consideration his Worship inflicted a fine of $300, which was promptly paid.

OTHER "FORT" CASES.

AN AMERICAN SUSPECT FINED $100.

In our issue of the 29th October, 1894, the following report of the trial of an American citizen was published:—Yesterday afternoon an American citizen named W. K. Hill, 28 years of age, of California, who arrived here by the *Oceanic* on the 24th instant, and who stated to a *Telegraph* reporter last night that he had come to Hongkong to see what was to be seen in this famous British possession, strolled out to Belcher's Fort, West Point, and "planting" himself on the high land above that well-known battery started to sketch everything in sight, including the fort and its environs. He had not got far with his illicit work when Sergeant Weston, R.A., seized him and handed him over to the police, who locked him up and then searched his chambers in the Hongkong Hotel, whence they removed all his documents and a kodak. That was at 3 p.m. and later on Mr. Hill was liberated on his own recognisances of $200 on the understanding that he would face the music in the Police Court this morning.

News of this sensational arrest spread like wild-fire throughout the colony last night and almost every American in town was loud in his denunciations of the officiousness of the "famation Britishers," notwithstanding the fact that in no part of the world are strangers allowed to sketch fortresses, much less in an important, much-coveted, and specially protected outpost of a mighty Empire such as Hongkong is well known to be by all intelligent citizens of the United States and the subjects of all the Great Powers of the world. As a matter of fact, it is only about two years since an unsophisticated Japanese, caught red-handed sketching Belcher's Fort, was arrested and fined $100, so there would appear little, if any, excuse for the plea of ignorance of the law which Mr. Hill set up as his defence when taken in custody by Inspector Mackie yesterday.

At the Police Court this morning Mr. Hill duly appeared before Mr. Hastings charged with sketching Belcher's Fort in contravention of the provisions of Ordinance 2 of 1888. Mr. J. G. Phillippo, barrister-at-law, appeared for the defendant, who pleaded "not guilty." Colonel Hunt, the United States Consul, was in Court throughout the proceedings.

The following evidence was led:—

Joseph Weston, Sergeant of the Royal Artillery, said—I am stationed at Belcher's Battery. About 2 p.m. yesterday I saw the defendant sketching something in a book just above the fort inside the Government boundary. I went up to where the defendant was sitting and when I was within five or ten yards of him he closed the book which I now produce. I asked him to give it to me. He did so, and I then arrested him.

Cross-examined—Defendant gave up the book willingly and came to the Police station without any hesitation. It was only a rough sketch. I could form an idea of the fort and position of the guns from the sketch.

For the defence Emery Tuttle, purser of the British steamer *Oceanic*, "stepped up" and said

—I know the defendant. He left San Francisco on the 25th ultimo in the *Oceanic* and arrived here on the 24th instant. He was a passenger on the *Oceanic*. I know the defendant is connected with the banking firm of Wm. Hill & Co. of Petaluma, in California. I know Petaluma; as far as I know defendant is an assistant in the bank there. I believe the defendant has come to Hongkong for pleasure. He has stated so to me, and he is booked to return to the States by the *Oceanic*.

By the Court—Defendant's return passage ticket is good for six months and could be extended for one year or more at the discretion of the agents.

His Worship—I fine the defendant $100, with the alternative of two months' hard labour. All the sketches and photographs of forts in his possession to be confiscated.

The fine was paid and the defendant left the Court in company with Inspector Mackie, who carried his kodak. The maximum penalty for the offence of which Mr. Hill was found guilty is $500, or six months' hard labour.

A GERMAN CASE.

In the *Hongkong Telegraph* of the 5th May, 1896, will be found a full report of the charge preferred against Captain Albert Harrassowitz, of the Norddeutscher Lloyd liner *Hohenzollern*, and Dr. Max Rudolf of the same vessel. They were charged *(a,)* with landing on Stonecutter's Island without a written permit from the Colonial Secretary or the Officer in Command of the Forces, in contravention of section 2 of Ordinance No. 21 of 1889; *(b)* being found in the immediate vicinity of the fortifications with photographic apparatus with the intention of photographing the forts, in breach of section 5 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Mr. A. B. Johnson, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. H. L. Dennys appeared on behalf of the prisoners.

Mr. Dennys admitted on behalf of the prisoners a technical fault making them guilty under the first charge, but denied any intention of committing an offence.

Mr. Johnson said that, the first charge being admitted, he would confine himself to the second charge. Section 3 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1895 absolutely prohibited anyone, British or foreign, from landing with photographing apparatus near the fortifications, and section 5 says that any person found in the vicinity of the fortifications with the intention of taking photographs should be liable to penalties as set forth. He contended that the only question for the Magistrate to decide was whether the prisoners were in the vicinity of the fortifications.

Evidence was then taken showing the doctor landed with a kodak and intended to take photos, and when all the witnesses had been disposed of Mr. Dennys said:—

That is all the evidence. I would draw your Worship's attention to the Port Regulations. There is not a word in these, which are handed to each captain on arrival, to show that Stonecutter's Island is forbidden ground. The captain knew nothing about the fortifications. They landed and walked straight up to the sentry. I think that the developed photographs should prove what the taste of the doctor was. I submit the fault was purely a nominal one, and would be met, as was a recent case, by a nominal fine of $3. This is an entirely different case from a recent one over which so much noise was made.

His Worship:—In a case of this sort I must either find not guilty or inflict the full penalty. The defence set up is the Port Regulations. That is no defence. If this had occurred in any other country there might be a chance of a mistake. We are told they landed and went straight past the notice board saying "Access prohibited." The photographs have no bearing on the forts, but that only shows they had taken no photographs of the fortifications. They may not have had time. I can only go by the evidence before me. The first charge is admitted. Both prisoners must do three months' hard labour. The second prisoner, the only one convicted of the second charge, must do one month on that charge. The sentences to run consecutively.

Mr. Dennys:—Did I understand consecutively?

His Worship:—Concurrently.

Mr. Dennys then gave notice of appeal, and asked that the prisoners be allowed bail. This was fixed at $1,200 each.

The appeal was successful, the sentence being reduced to a fine of $100, and that sum was eventually remitted.

HINTS FOR EVERYBODY.

Now that wet weather is to be expected, a few hints on the best methods of keeping things dry and preventing mould and mildew may be of interest to our readers. A deal depends upon the wood of which wardrobes, chests of drawers and other receptacles for the storage of clothes are composed, as some woods are more absorbent than others and again some are naturally damp and apt to exude moisture with each change of temperature. Camphor-wood, although of good appearance and possessing a strong odour which renders it moderately safe from the attacks of insects, is particularly susceptible to damp, the wood being very absorbent, and consequently wardrobes and other pieces of furniture intended for keeping clothes in should never be made of it, or the contents will be liable to be ruined by mould or mildew. Well seasoned teak or pine is the best wood for this class of furniture, being little affected by damp and moisture and practically non-absorbent. Care should be taken, however, when putting away clothing to see that the wood is thoroughly dry and shows no beads of moisture upon it. The next thing to be done is to provide for the absorption of any moisture that may gain an entrance and this can be accomplished by placing a small quantity, say four ounces, of quicklime in the drawer or box, either in an open saucer or enclosed in a paper or linen bag. The lime from its great affinity for water will rapidly absorb all damp. Lime, however, when purchased, frequently contains a deal of moisture, so it should be thoroughly dried or burnt over the fire before being put in the drawer and the burning process repeated once a month to drive off the moisture collected. In this manner a small quantity of quicklime may be made to last for years. A small piece of cotton wool dipped in glacial carbolic acid, which has been melted by placing the bottle in hot water, will if placed in boxes and cupboards tend to keep away mould and mildew, to which vegetable growths, as well as to insects, it is fatal.

Books, if kept in glazed cases can be protected from damp by the above method, but, if kept on open shelves should be placed in a free current of air and well brushed and dusted once a month. A few balls of napthaline or camphyline placed on the shelves will keep away cockroaches and other insect pests. Varnish will protect the bindings of books from damp, but gives them a glazed appearance to which many people object. Never stand a bookcase against the outside wall of a house as that is always more or less damp.

Gloves, ribbons and articles that are liable to become spotted by damp should be kept in a closely stopped bottle containing a packet of quicklime, and tobacco and cigars may be treated in the same way.

SPORTS & PASTIMES.

THE WEST YORKS SPORTS.

FIRST DAY

President:—Colonel C. S. Gordon; *Committee*:—Major Mills, Captain Price, Lieutenant Tew; *Sub-Committee*:—Sergt.-Major Westcott, Cr.-Sergt. Scouse, Sergt. Grew, Sergt. Mann, Armourer-Sergt. Purchas, Sergt. Truelove, Corporal O'Brien, and Lce.-Corporal Stedman; *Referee*:—Major Grant-Dalton; *Starters*:—Major Cox and Captain Phillips; *Judges*:—Col. Gordon, Captain Carey, and Lieutenant Stewart.

The first annual Athletic Sports Meeting of the West Yorkshire Regiment opened to-day at Happy Valley and will be continued to-morrow. The weather was not at all favourable for out-door sports, but there was a large attendance including Col. Gordon and all the officers of the corps. The Russian and German bluejackets and English soldiers mustered well and the racing and other arrangements were admirable. Officers' mess, non-Com's-mess and dressing tents were provided and also a canteen for "that strong man, Tommy Atkins." To the "officers of the day" all credit is due for the way in which things were managed. Several ladies were present during the afternoon and took great interest in the sports.

The results were as follow:—

PUTTING THE SHOT with follow; prizes $4, $2, $1.

R Nash (H. Co.).....1
Smith, (H. Co.).....2
Maloney, (F. Co) 3

RUNNING LONG JUMP; prizes $4, $2, $1.

Rushton, (D. Co.) 1
S. M Baldwin, (F. Co.) 2
Hopper, (H. Co.) 3

BOYS' HANDICAP (150 yards); prizes $4, $2, $1.

Good (F. Co.) 1
Drummer Laurence.....2
Drummer Flowers 3

BAYONET FIGHTING BY COMPANY TEAMS OF ONE N.C.O. AND 6 MEN. 1st round.

G. Co. beat E. Co.....1
F. Co. beat D. Co.....2

100 YARDS RACE, open to all ranks (heats).

1ST. HEAT.

Lymer (D Co).....1
Rusnton (D. Co,) 2
Corp Spurling (E. Co.) 3

2ND HEAT.

Maloney (F. Co.).....1
Ross (F. Co.) 2
Taylor (F. Co) 3

3RD HEAT.

Dussey (H Co.).....1
Barrell (G. Co,) 2

COMPANIES' TUG-OF-WAR. 1st round (10 men).

C. beat G.
H. beat F.
C. Co. beat D. Co. Twice.
H. Co. beat B. Co. Twice.
G Co. beat E. Co. Twice.

The last pulls were particularly fine, and both sides had equal shows of winning up to the last. Several officers took part in this event.

CORPORALS' RACE, 300 yards; prizes $8, $4, $2.

Lance Corp Page (C. Co.) 1
Corp Spurling (E. Co.) 2
Corp Appleby (D. Co,) 3

QUARTER MILE RACE; prizes $8, $4, $2.

Pt. Lymer, (D.).....1
Pt. Barrel, (G) 2
Pt. Broadbent, (A.) 3

SACK AND ORANGE RACE, 150 yards; prizes $4, $3, $2, $1.

Pt. Lawrence. (C.) 1
Pt. Hudson, (D.) 2
Pt. Hopper, (H.) 3
Pt. Barrel, (D.).....4

CHILDREN'S HANDICAP, Boys and Girls; prizes $2, $1½, $1, $½

Westcott 1
Westcott 2
Shepherd.....3
Somerville 4

MILE RACE; prizes $15, $7, $3½.

Lance-Cor. Richardson, (G.).....1
Pt. Broadbent, (A.) 2
Drummer Blackwell, (F.) 3
Lance Cor. Page, (C.).....4

Richardson won by about 50 yards.

BAYONET FIGHTING BY COMPANY TEAMS, 2nd round.

1st round.

Pt. Horner (F) 1
" Crane (F).....2
" Ellecker (A).....3
" Lipscombe (E).....4

2nd round.

Cor. Kendall (F).....1
" Garrad (F) 2
Pt. Barrett 3
" Nash (H) 4

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL BETWEEN FLAG; prizes $4, $2, $1.

Pt. Lymer (D).....1
" Grantham (H)).....2
Lance Cor, Westcott (A).....3

BAND RACE (200 yards); prizes $4, $3, $2, $1.

Pt. Agar.....1
Pt. Walton 2
Pt. Horner.....3

The following is the programme for to-morrow:—

SECOND DAY.

RUNNING HIGH JUMP; prizes $4, $2, $1,
HALF MILE RACE; prizes $10, $5, $2½,
SERGEANTS' RACE (100 yards); prizes $8, $4, $2,
BAYONET v. BAYONET (Final); prizes $10, $8, $4, $2,
TOILET AND REFRESHMENT RACE; prizes $4, $3, $2, $1,
HURDLE RACE, 120 yards (10 flights); prizes $8, $4, $2,
LEMON CUTTING; prizes $4, $3, $2, $1.
MILE RACE; open to the World (Europeans and Americans); prizes $18, $12, $6, $3.
OLD SOLDIERS' HANDICAP (200 yards), 12 years; scratch. One yard start for every complete year over 12; boys' service not to count; prizes $8, $6, $4.
100 YARDS RACE (final); prizes $10, $5, $2½.
QUARTER MILE RACE FOR COLONIAL TROOPS AND POLICE, viz.:—Hongkong Artillery, Engineers and Infantry, Sikh and Native Police; prizes $5, $4, $3, $2,
OFFICERS' HANDICAP (200 yards); 1 yard start for every complete year over 6 years.
BAYONET FIGHTING BY COMPANY TEAMS; final; prizes $15, $7½, $3½.
CONSOLATION RACE, 200 yards; prizes $4, $3, $2.
TUG-OF-WAR-FINAL; prizes $23, $11½.

HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

CAPTAIN'S CUP FOR FEBRUARY.

The monthly competition was held from the 6th to 8th inst. in fair golfing weather, though owing to a drizzly rain towards the close the green became rather sticky, and made putting a little uncertain, which may in a measure account for the generality of the scores being rather high. The winner of the Cup started with an 8 hole, and getting into the hurdles at the long hole did not get down under 7 in both rounds. The remaining holes were 5's and 4's.

Owing to the erection of mat sheds in front of the Club House, the 7th and 9th greens are closed until further notice. Players may "tee" off from in front of the mat sheds to the first hole and continue to the sixth, or long, hole; thence to the eighth hole, commencing the second round from the second "tee," making a course of 13 holes. All Club competitions meanwhile are suspended.

Members are reminded of the annual meeting which will be held at the Hongkong Club on Friday next at 5.30 p.m., when the accounts for 1896 will be presented and officers for the current year elected.

Subjoined are the returns handed in for the Cup and Pool:—

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

Mr. H. L. Dalrymple.....	91	9	82
Mr. V. A. C. Hawkins	94	8	86
Mr. A. F. R. Green, R.A....	99	12	87
Mr. H. W. Robertson 105		15	90
Mr. C. Palmer.....102		11	91
Mr. G. Millward.....111		18	93
Mr. C. H. Grace..... 109		12	97

17 entries.

POOL.

Mr. A. F. Green, R.A.	96	12	84
Mr. V. A. C. Hawkins	94	8	86
Major Grant Dalton	98	11	87
Capt. R. Murray Rumsey...	96	8	88
Mr. H W. Robertson 105		15	90
Mr. C. Palmer.....102		11	91
Mr. G. Millward.....111		18	93
Mr. C. H. Grace.....109		12	97

21 entries.

FOOTBALL

The Colts will play a Canturion team under Association Rules at Happy Valley to-morrow afternoon. Kick-off at 4.45 p.m.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS ON THE CAREW CASE.

[*North China Daily News*, Feb. 5th.]

The Carew Poisoning Case, after lasting actually for a month, and being the prominent topic of conversation in the Far East for over three months, is over at last, and we learned yesterday, to the relief of every one, that the British Minister at Tokio, Sir Ernest M. Satow, has commuted the death sentence into the hardly less severe one of penal servitude for life. Towards the end of the trial it became evident to almost every one that there was no defence. There was indeed an opinion amounting almost to a conviction that no Yokohama jury would convict Mrs. Carew, and we may be sure that had there been a chance that she was not guilty, Mr. Mowat would have pointed it out to the jury, and the jury would have been only too glad to avail themselves of it. If only one man out of the five had felt that he could say he was not convinced of her guilt, and had said it, she could not have been convicted; and as far as human certainty goes we can be certain that justice has been done. We do not care to dwell on the heinousness of the crime committed by Mrs. Carew; but we cannot let pass without notice the grave mistake made by Mr. Lowder—if mistake is a harsh enough term, though there are mistakes that are worse than crimes—in charging Miss Jacob with the murder before her evidence had been given at the trial of Mrs. Carew. Mr. Lawder will, it is to be hoped, have an opportunity of giving some further explanation of his action; but it looks like cruel persecution that Mr. Lowder should charge Miss Jacob with murder on grounds so slight that Mr. Troup ought to have dismissed the charge at once; should at the second hearing avoid the dismissal of the charge by undertaking to produce further evidence against her; and should then, before the verdict was given in the Carew case, inform Miss Jacob's counsel that he intends to-day to withdraw the charge. It is possible that Mr. Lowder was almost up to the last convinced of Mrs. Carew's innocence, and that this led him to believe that Miss Jacob must be the real criminal; and it will be noticed that he made a charge against her moral character which he subsequently withdrew. What other excuse he can have for his action it is difficult to imagine.

[*Kobe Chronicle*, Feb. 2nd.]

The sensational case which has dragged along its protracted length for so many weeks has at last come to an end, with the terrible result that a woman has been sentenced to undergo the extreme penalty of the law. Mr. Carew died on the 25th October last. Suspicions were thereupon aroused which suggested that his death was the result of foul play, and the evidence produced at the inquest that was held pointed unmistakably to Mrs. Carew as having been concerned either directly or indirectly in the administration of the poison which caused her husband's death. Mrs. Carew was arrested and charged with murder on the 11th Nov., and after a preliminary investigation was committed on the 19th to take her trial. The trial began on the 5th January and concluded yesterday, the 1st February, with a verdict of guilty, the unhappy woman being thereupon sentenced to death. We do not intend just now to offer any comment upon the case, though, in face of the proved fact that the deceased was in the habit of taking drugs, the evidence that Mrs. Carew actually administered the poison for the purpose of murdering her husband does not appear to us as conclusive as it seems to have appeared to the jury. But, however this may be, we believe the general sentiment of the community will be with us in urging a commutation of the sentence that has been passed. Whether we are or are not in favour of capital punishment, there are sufficient reasons in the present case why the law should not be allowed to take its course, and we hope that efforts will not be wanting to represent them in the proper quarter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

IN AID OF THE INDIAN FAMINE FUND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—Through the medium of your popular columns I beg to make it known that as I have had considerable experience in getting up public entertainments and can, myself assist to some purpose on the stage, I am willing to undertake the management of a Christy Minstrel and Variety Entertainment for the benefit of the Indian Famine Fund. I will give my time and services free and will be glad to meet others who are able and willing to assist me.

I assume that we should be able to obtain the use of the Theatre Royal *free of all charges*, that the whole of the *performers* will give their services *free*, that the local papers will advertise the entertainment at reduced rates, and that if the movement receives the support I reasonably anticipate (for it will be for a good object and be a very good evening's amusement) at least $1,600 will be added to the Famine Fund.

I shall be much obliged, Sir, if you will, in the first instance, allow letters from those who are willing to assist be received at and be forwarded on to me from your office, and as I do not wish it to be thought that I am doing this to advertise myself or put myself forward in an unjustifiable manner I beg to attach to this the *nom de plume*

STROLLING PLAYER.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897.

P.S.—I hope several members of the popular *Immortalite* "Star" Minstrels will give their valuable assistance and that this, coupled with the valuable assistance of local amateurs, will result in a really first-class entertainment being got up during the current month or, at latest, the first week in March.

S. P.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1895.

Barometer 30.141
Thermometer 57.3
Humidity .....79.
Rainfall.....1.76 inches.

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.28	30.26
Thermometer	47	45
Humidity.....	63	80
Rainfall	0.01	.....

Wednesday, 10th February, 1897.

Chinese.—*9th of 1st moon of 23rd year of* [*Kwong-sü.*
Jewish.—*8th Adar, 5657.*
Mohammedan.—*7th Ramadan, 1314.*

(Fast month.)

Sun—*Rises* .....*6hr. 37min.*
Sets .....*5hr. 51min.*
Moon—*First Quarter* .....*3hr. 3 min. a.m.*
High water—*Morning* .....*1hr. 19min.*
Afternoon .....*2hr. 30min.*
Low water—*Morning* .....*8hr. 55min.*
Afternoon .....*11hr. 27min.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1795—Death of Kien-lung, Emperor of China, in the 60th year of his reign.
1840—Queen Victoria married.
1879—News reached Hongkong of the massacre of the captain, officers and Chinese portion of the crew of the British barque *Kate Waters* by the Malay crew, who then made for Labuan and scuttled the ship off that coast.
1880—Brutal attack on and robbery from a lady at the Hongkong Hotel by a Chinese "boy."
1896—Russian Marines sent from Chemulpo to protect the Legation at Seoul.

TO-MORROW,

Thursday, 11th February, 1897.

Chinese.—*10th of 1st moon of 23rd year of* [*Kwong-sü.*
(Fête day of the Spirits of the Ground.)
Jewish.—*9th Adar, 5657.*
Mohammedan.—*8th Ramadan, 1314.*

(Fast month.)

Sun—*Rises* .....*6hr. 36min.*
Sets .....*5hr. 52min.*
High water—*Afternoon* .....*3hr. 29min.*
Low water—*None.*

No inferior high or low water.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1841—Emperor Tao-kwang rejected the Treaty.
1885—Steamship *Douglas* lost on White Rocks.
1889—The Japanese constitution granting representative government proclaimed by the Mikado in person at Tokio.
1896—Murder of Ministers at Seoul; the King and Crown Prince fled to the Russian Legation.

MEMORANDA.

TO-DAY,—10th February.

Plague Conference met at Venice.
9 p.m.—Volunteer Corps' dance at the City Hall.
9 p.m.—Willison's Circus at back of City Hall.

TO-MORROW,—11th February.

German mail due.
11 a.m.—English mail closes.
Noon.—*Mirzapore* sails for London.
1 p.m.—West York's Regimental Sports at Happy Valley.
4.15 p.m.—Meeting of the Sanitary Board.

FRIDAY,—12th February.

Indian mail due.

SATURDAY,—13th February.

American mail due.
The Transfer Books of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 26th inst., inclusive.
Noon.—*Peru* leaves for San Francisco, *via* usual ports of call.
Noon.—Meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the City Hall.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

German *(Prussian)* to-morrow.
Indian *(Lightning)* 12th inst.
American *(Coptic)* 13th inst.
American *(City of Rio de Janeiro)* 18th inst.
Canadian *(Empress of Japan)* 25th inst.
Tacoma *(Tacoma)* 3rd prox.
American *(Gaelic)* 4th prox.
Tacoma *(Victoria)* 6th prox.

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THE Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Omi Maru* left Nagasaki for this port this morning, and may be expected here on the 14th inst.

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THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, etc., from San Francisco to the 23rd ultimo, has arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port this morning, *viâ* Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

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SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 6 p.m. yesterday to 6 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Hanoi	steamer,	from	Haiphong
Sendai Maru	"	"	Moji
Strathtay	"	"	Kobe
Irene	cruiser	"	Amoy
Kaiser	"	"	a cruise
Arcona	"	"	a cruise
Prinzess Wilhelm	"	"	a cruise

Aggregating 23,218 tons register.

DEPARTURES.

Esmeralda	steamer,	for	Manila
Wuotan	"	"	Saigon
Wuhu	"	"	Shanghai
Deucalion	"	"	Kudat
Peiyang	"	"	Hiogo
Taichow	"	"	Bangkok
Maria Richmers ...	"	"	Shanghai
Fort Stuart	ship	"	Manila
Porpoise.....	cruiser	"	a cruise

Aggregating 13,414 tons register.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Lokin.....	in	Kowloon	Dock.
Altmore	"	"	"
Rurik, H.I.R.M.S......	"	"	"
Independent.....	"	"	"
Cosmopolit	"	"	"
Amoy.....	"	"	"
Coloma	"	"	"
Tamarind	"	"	"
Nanchang	"	Cosmopolitan	"
Taiyuan.....	"	"	"
Toyo Maru	"	Aberdeen	"

PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD—5th January—*Antenor, Obi, Sikh.* 8th January—*Java, Templar,* 15th January.—*Breconshire, Tsenhai.* 19th January—*Dardanus, Irene.* 22nd January—*Ixion, Palawan, Prussen, Aga, Candia.* 26th January—*Agamemnon, Melbourne, Oolong, Delhi, Richmers, Normandie.* 29th January.—*Melpomene, Oceana, Rosiong, St. Andrews.* and Feb.—*Aglaia, Ernest Simons, Cyrus, Dordogne, Glaucus.* 5th February—*Ceylon, Hector, Kanagawa Maru.* 9th February—*Glenavon, Menelaus; Helena Richmers.*

HOMEWARD—2nd February—*Yorra, Castrus,* 5th February—*Achilles, Kagoshima Maru, Glengarry.*

AUSTRALIAN MAIL NOTES.

From files of Sydney exchanges received by the *Tokio Maru* yesterday we glean the following interesting information:—

The Eagle Tobacco Co.'s Works, Clarence Street, Sydney, were destroyed by fire on the 10th January. A number of properties adjoining suffered severely. Several firemen were injured. The loss is a very heavy one, probably over £1,000,000.

The *La Pérouse*, the pioneer boat of the French New Hebrides Co., has at last arrived from the Group.—She brings among other passengers 90 homeward bound Japanese.

Mr. E. Borchgrevink, the Antarctic explorer, is again in Australia endeavouring to get help from the various Governments for his proposed expedition to the Antarctic regions. He says he intends to either rent or buy a whaler and leave London at the latest at the end of Sept. He would take twelve followers with him, including scientific men, who should be landed with the necessary huts, dogs, sledges and provisions. He does not propose to be any more than one year, but it would be advisable to take provisions for two years. With three followers he proposed to be landed 76 degrees south, and then would have to go about 10 degrees of longitude westward, or about 115 English miles inland, to reach the south magnetic pole.

At Coolgardie, a fire broke out in Bayley Street on January 18th and destroyed a number of business houses. One store alone was damaged to the extent of £12,000.

The barque *County Antrim*, laden with steel rails, was beached at the entrance of Gippsland Lakes on January 18th. Her cargo got adrift and started her plates and she was run ashore to prevent her sinking. The chief officer was badly injured. The vessel is likely to become a total wreck.

Captain Inskip of the steamer *Orient*, Mr. Ranken, R.N.R., chief officer, and a boat's crew from the vessel have been publicly presented by Lady Hampden with Shipwreck Relief Society awards in recognition of their gallantry in rendering succour to the starving crew of the *Phillis* on Sunday, January 10th.

A bookkeeper named William Brady has been found murdered in his employer's office in Melbourne. He was shot in the neck and body and his throat was cut. His cousin, a youth named Phillips, was arrested on suspicion and then confessed that he committed the murder.

THE POWER THAT PULLS DOWN.

I WANT to present a single idea in the fewest and clearest words at my command. Here goes for a try at it. From the time you are first able to stand on your feet, up to the time you can stand no longer, there is always *a power pulling you backward and downward.* You resist, and it persists. It wins partial victories over you every day, and finally it lays you by the heels. *Now what is the name of that power?* Don't be too quick with your answer. It is the over confident cricketer who gets bowled out. Perhaps the reading of these letters may help you.

"In the spring of 1891," says a woman, "my health, previously good, began to fail. I am naturally as energetic as most persons and enjoy being up and doing, but now for some reason I felt low, weak, and tired. I had no relish for food of any kind, and what I ate gave me pain at the chest and a feeling of tightness and oppression around the waist, with shortness of breath.

"After a time the pains went to my shoulders and and all over me. The distress after eating was so great that I hesitated before swallowing a mouthful, well knowing what the result would be. I took many medicines, but none of them gave me any ease. As time went on I became weaker and weaker, often leaving my household work for a bit so as to lie down on the couch and rest. And as this debility increased upon me my spells of work got shorter and my spells of rest longer.

"Sometimes feeling a trifle better and then again worse, this was practically my condition month after month. I saw a doctor, but his medicines did me little or no good. He said I was suffering from weakness, and would have to get my strength back gradually. The autumn and winter of 1891-2 slowly passed and I was about the same, only more thin and feeble. I had almost given up hope of getting really well again.

"In April (1892) I was in our shop one day and heard a customer speak about Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and what remarkable cures of different ailments it had done in the district. 'It may be the right thing for me,' I said, and sent for it that very day. After taking one bottle I could eat better, without any distress or pain to come after it. With the additional food I gained strength, and one week after another, while keeping on with Mother Seigel's Syrup, I found myself able to do more work and needing less rest between times. I took only the 'Seigel's,' no other medicine. I could stand and walk once more *without thinking about it*, and was soon in as good health and spirits as ever. You are free to print my letter if you desire. (Signed) Mrs. Emma Cottingham, wife of G. W. Cottingham, Grocer and Ironmonger, Scotter, Lincoln, April 29th, 1895."

"For over four years," says another, "I suffered from constant weakness. My natural strength was gone, and nothing I did or took seemed to bring it back. My food—and I ate but little, having no appetite—did not go to the spot, as we say. I was none the better or stronger for eating it. Indeed I was the worse; for it caused me great pain and distress in the stomach, chest, sides, and back. I was working in the mill and never quite gave up my employment; but I did my work in the face of pain and weakness. Finally, I was cured by Mother Seigel's Syrup. I heard of it by means of a little book. The Syrup stopped the pain after eating, and soon I was another and a brighter woman. My strength came back, and I can walk, stand, and work with ease. (Signed) Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, Silk Street, Glossop, October 10th, 1895."

Now what was the power that pulled these women down? "Weakness," you say, and *they* say "weakness." But what is weakness? Is it a disease? No, old age always brings it, and it is always one of the results of disease. Strength, the opposite of weakness, is created only by digested food. Nothing else under the sun will produce it. Lose the ability to digest your food and soon your legs tremble beneath you, your fingers lose their grip, your head its steadiness, and your mind its clearness and courage. The word "*weakness*" comes from a Saxon word meaning to yield, to fail, to give way. By its wondrous virtue in correcting the machinery of digestion and enabling the system to get "the good" of its daily food—by this, I say, Mother Seigel's Syrup, used in time, overcomes weakness and restores strength.

But, mark you! there is a mystery in this simple explanation, so deep we must reserve the discussion of it for another occasion.—*Adv.*

Intimation.

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery, Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superioress will also be most grateful for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1893. [682

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 13th day of February next, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Account to 31st December, 1896.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1897. [196

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS OF SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 30th January current, to SATURDAY, the 13th day of February next (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1897. [197

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 15th February, at Twelve o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 15th idem, both days inclusive.

By Order,

GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1897. [183

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1897, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1896, and of approving by resolution of the proposed purchase of Hung-Ham Inland Lots Nos. 171 and 172 and of the proposed extensions to Kowloon Marine Lot No. 27 and to Hung-Ham Marine Lot No. 1 on terms to be stated.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1897. [207

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 1, Praya Central, at 12 o'clock (NOON), on TUESDAY, the 23rd February, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 23rd February, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1897 [269

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Pedder's Street, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1897, at 12.30 of the clock in the afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [216

THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

TENDERS are invited and will be received up to NOON of 31st March next, at the Offices of the Company, both in BRISBANE and SINGAPORE, for 10,000 CONTRIBUTING SHARES of £1 each Paid-up to 12s. 10d. each in THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

Tenders, which should be sealed and superscribed "TENDER FOR UNALLOTTED SHARES," must quote a price in Sterling per Share for a minimum of 200 Shares or for any multiple of 200 Shares up to the maximum of 10,000 Shares and must be accompanied by 2s. 6d. deposit per Share, which will be returned in case no Allotment is made.

SCRIP will be issued on BRISBANE or SINGAPORE REGISTER to suit Purchaser.

The highest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

By Order of the Directors,

C. P. DERRICK,
Local Secretary.

Singapore, 1st February, 1897. [262

THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

A DIVIDEND of ONE SHILLING per Share has been Declared PAYABLE on 15th March, 1897, in BRISBANE in respect of Shares on the Brisbane Register, and in SINGAPORE in respect of Shares on the Singapore Register.

Notice is hereby given that the SINGAPORE BRANCH REGISTER will be CLOSED from 1st to 15th March, 1897, inclusive.

Notice is also given that no Transfer of Shares from the BRISBANE REGISTER to the SINGAPORE REGISTER or *vice versa* will be given effect to after 2nd February, 1897, until 16th March, 1897.

By Order of the Directors,

C. P. DERRICK,
Local Secretary.

Singapore, 1st February, 1897. [263

For Sale.

STEAM LAUNCH FOR SALE.

TENDERS will be received at this OFFICE up to NOON on MONDAY, the 22nd instant, for the PURCHASE of the War Department Steam Launch "TOMMY ATKINS," with Engines, Boilers and Stores Complete, as she lies on the COSMOPOLITAN DOCK SLIPWAY, where she may be inspected any day between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M.

Tenders must be made on Forms which, together with any further information required, can be obtained on application at this Office.

HEADQUARTER OFFICE B,
Commissariat Buildings.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1897. [270

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Hongkong, 6th February, 1897. [256

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THE PROTEST AND REMONSTRANCE of the SHIPPING INTEREST Against the Imposition of LIGHT DUES FOR THE SAKE OF REVENUE;

together with the whole of the correspondence that has recently passed between the GOVERNOR and the SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF COUNCIL and the Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD and the GOVERNOR on the subject of

SPECIAL LIGHT DUES;

and the correspondence between the Liverpool Steamship Owners' Association and the Board of Trade on the question of Light Dues, the Departmental Committee's report on the

MERCANTILE MARINE FUND,

and Sir GEORGE BADEN-POWELL's letter to the *Times* on the Mercantile Marine Fund, *Fairplay's* comments thereon, and a report on excessive Light Dues levied in the Bosphorus.

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Hongkong, 3rd September, 1896. [34

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P. BOHM,
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Hongkong, 3rd April, 1895. [35

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THE MANAGER,
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Hongkong, 24th November, 1896. [36

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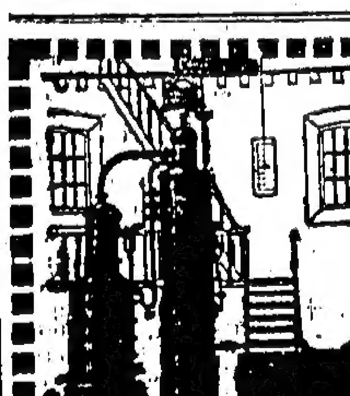

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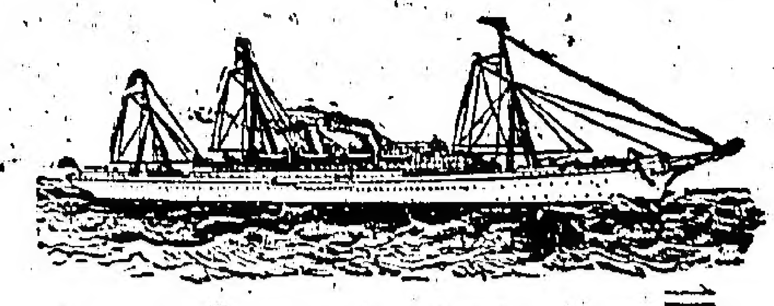
1897.  1897.

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Hongkong, 20th January, 1897. [3

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	Wednesday, 24th Feb., at Daylight.
Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Saturday, 13th March, at Noon.
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Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [2

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 2nd March, at Noon.
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Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [2

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Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

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Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [5

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(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Braemar	3,601	Thursday...	Feb. 18.
Tacoma	2,540	Tuesday ...	Mar. 2.
Victoria	3,167	Tuesday ...	Mar. 23.
Olympia	2,608	Tuesday ...	April 13.
Braemar	3,601	Tuesday ...	May 4.

THE Steamship

"BRAEMAR,"

Captain Porter, sailing at Noon, on THURSDAY, the 18th February, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.), and TACOMA (Wash.), *via* SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

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Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [4

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Preussen	Tuesday...	2nd March.
Sachsen	Tuesday...	30th March.
Bayern	Tuesday...	27th April.
Prinz Heinrich ...	Tuesday...	25th May.

ON TUESDAY, the 2nd day of March, 1897, at 10 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PREUSSEN," Captain F. Wettin, with MAILS, PASSENGRS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on SATURDAY, the 27th Feb. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 1st March, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on MONDAY, the 1st March. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

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